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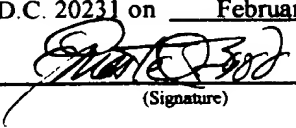
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, the following remarks are filed. Claims 1-18 are under consideration.

REMARKS

Applicants' invention, as recited by present claims 1 to 18, provides a magnetic core-coil assembly for a coil-per-plug (CCP) spark ignition transformer. Such CCP spark ignition transformers are suited for use in ignition systems of internal combustion engines. The assembly is capable of rapidly generating a high voltage output from a secondary coil in response to a low voltage excitation of a primary coil. Advantageously, the core-coil assembly of the present invention (i) can repeatedly generate the high voltages required for ignition events in an internal combustion system; (ii) efficiently transfers energy from the coil to the plug; (iii) exhibits very low core loss, thereby enabling it to provide a highly accurate representation of the ignition profile for use in adaptive engine control; and (iv) is easier to manufacture than prior art systems and devices employing toroidal cores, especially in the ungapped aspects of the invention.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	**18	MINUS	*18	0	X \$18	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	**5	MINUS	*5	0	X \$84	0.00
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